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Mayor Healy & City Officials to Rename Street for Fallen Police Officer Domenick Infantes, Jr. *Intersection of Jewett Avenue and Kennedy Boulevard to be Named in Infantes' Honor 10 Years after His Passing*

JERSEY CITY — **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy**, members of the **City Council** and representatives from the **Jersey City Police Department** will honor the life and sacrifice of fallen Police Officer Domenick J. Infantes, Jr. during a **street renaming ceremony** at **11:30 a.m.** on **Wednesday, July 6, 2011** at the intersection of Kennedy Boulevard and Jewett Avenue.

Officer Infantes, who was born and raised in Jersey City and grew up on Jewett Avenue, died in the line of duty on July 6, 2001 from injuries he sustained from being brutally attacked during an effort to calm a July 4th dispute between neighbors.

Newly married, Officer Infantes, who was 29 at the time of his death, left behind his wife Betty, father Domenick Sr., mother Carol and brother Erik. He also left behind a legacy of courage, compassion, dedication, and devotion to duty that will never be forgotten.

“Domenick Infantes was a dedicated Police Officer who gave his life protecting the people of Jersey City,” said **Mayor Healy**. “It is fitting and proper that we recognize his love and commitment to his city and its people by naming this street in his honor.”

Officer Infantes was born in the Margaret Hague Hospital, grew up on Jewett Avenue, and attended Saint Aloysius Elementary School. His dreams of a law enforcement career began at a very young age. Immediately after graduating from Saint Anthony High School in 1989, Officer Infantes was hired to work as a Hudson County Corrections Officer at the Hudson County Jail.

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After serving for more than four years as a Hudson County Corrections Officer, Infantes' lifelong dream became a reality – he was hired as a Jersey City Police Officer in 1994. His first assignment, where he cultivated his law enforcement dreams was the West District. His other assignments included the East District where he was part of the Neighborhood Task Force (NTF) and worked in the JCPD Housing Unit namely Montgomery Gardens and East NTF Post 6.

Officer Infantes was honored at the National Police Hall of Fame in Florida and the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial (NLEOMF) in Washington, D.C. for his actions. Officer Infantes distinguished himself throughout his police career receiving two excellent Police Service Awards, two Community Service Awards and one Commendation.

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